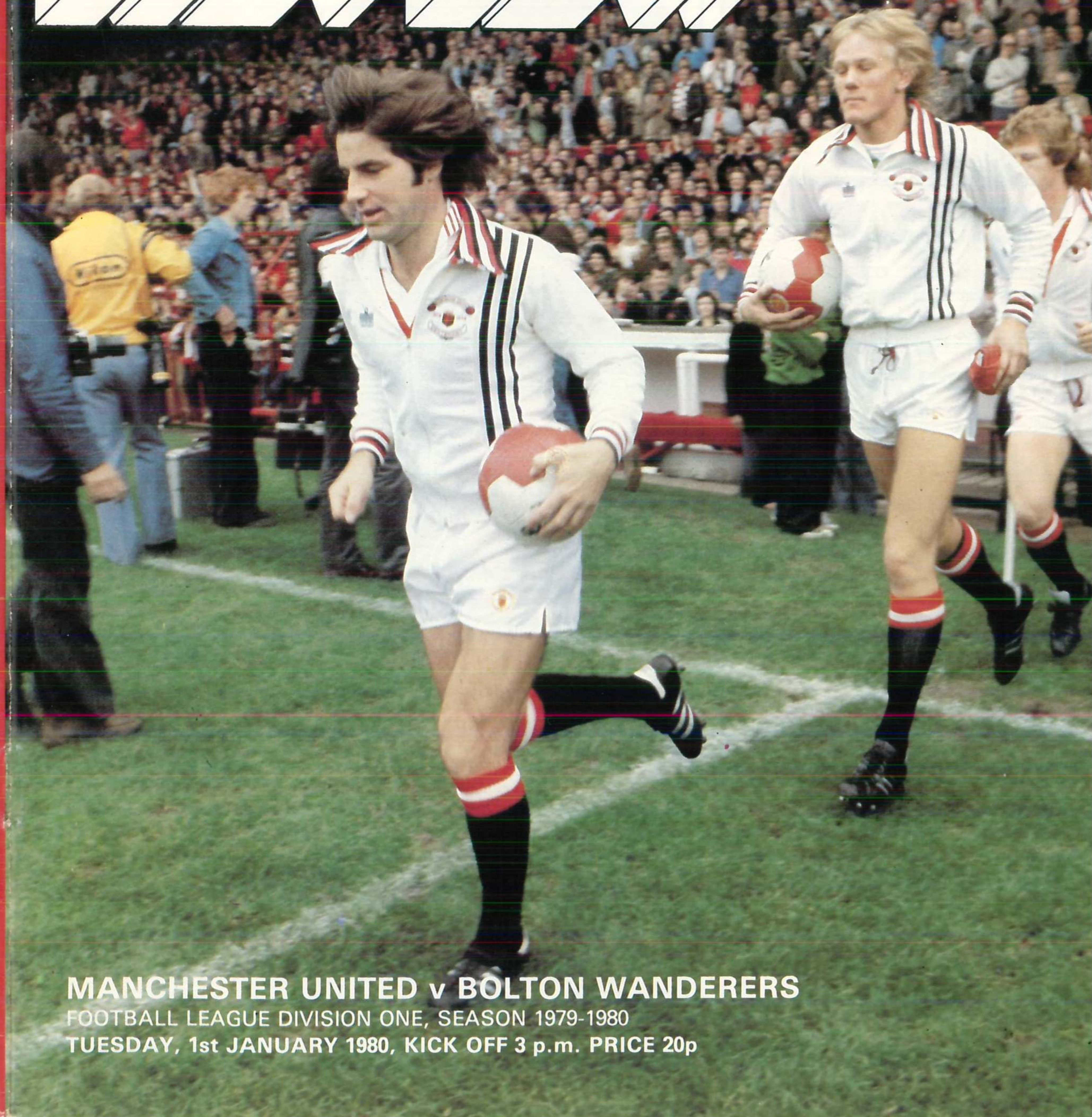


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Winners: 1909 1948 1963 1977

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Winners: 1908 1911 1952 1956
1957

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Finalists: 1948 1963

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Winners: 1953 1954 1955 1956
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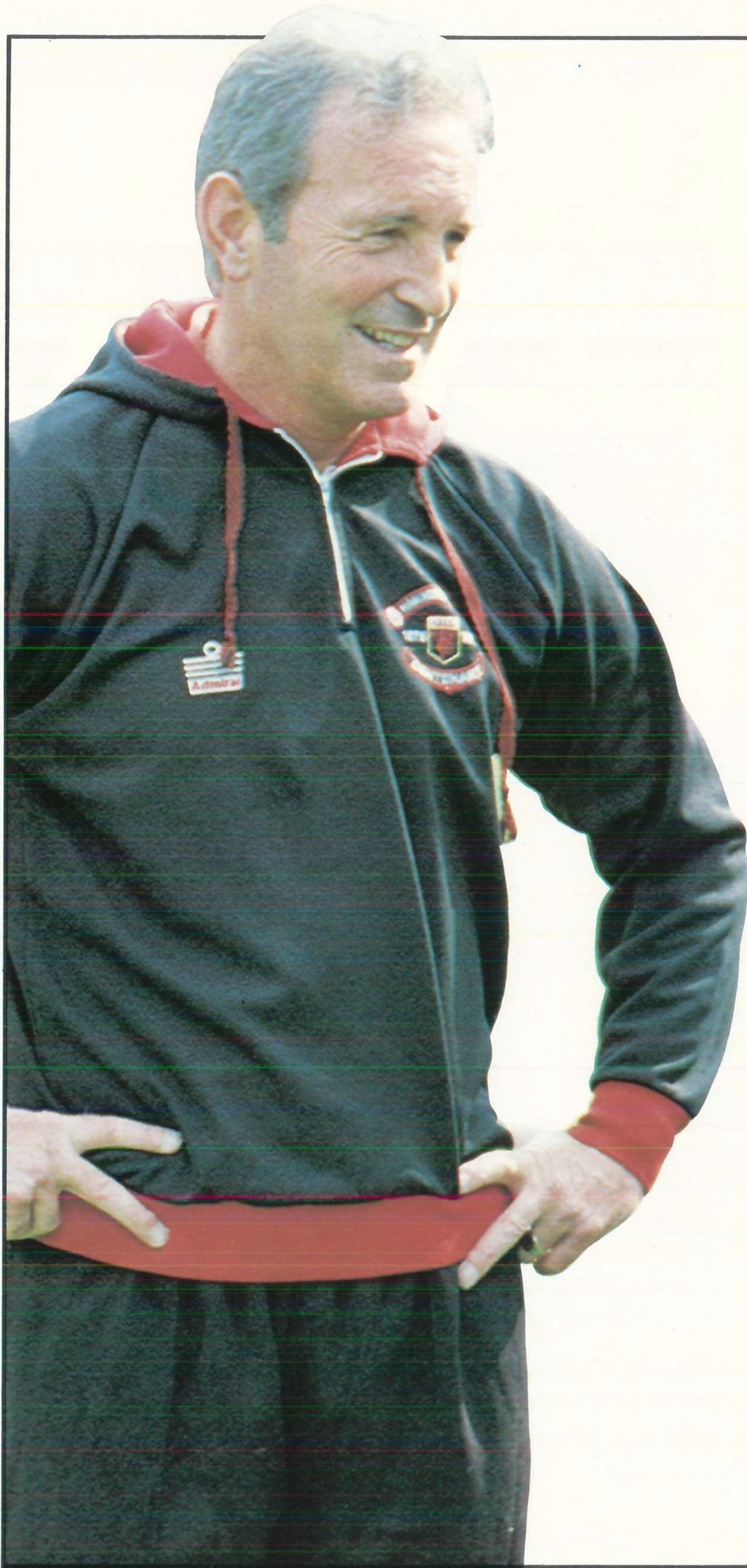
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DAVE SEXTON

On behalf of everyone at Old Trafford I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

As far as Manchester United are concerned we shall do our best to make sure it is highlighted by some entertaining football and hopefully a few winning celebrations.

Our friends and neighbours from Bolton visiting us today could possibly do with a slightly happier 1980 after their struggles in the first half of the season.

It could well turn out that way for them because no game in football is won until the final whistle and no League position is irretrievable until the end of the competition.

We would do well to be considering that in our dressing room this afternoon because though we come from opposite ends of the table I am just as nervous about this afternoon's result as any other.

Bolton put a League double over us last season with a thumping 3-0 win at Burnden Park around this time and a 2-1 victory at Old Trafford.

There is nothing like a derby game to upset the form book and I know our Lancashire rivals will be geared up for a Peak performance which we will have to match if we are to stay in the title chase.

We shall have to peak again in another four days time as well if we are going to have another successful run in the FA Cup.

Spurs are waiting for us at White Hart Lane on Saturday and you can be sure that they will also be determined to make it hot for us.

They have a few old scores to settle after the hard time we have given them in Cup football lately.

This third round tie will in fact be our seventh meeting in a year. We put them out of the League Cup this season and the FA Cup last season and while we are eager to complete a hat-trick I have no doubt the Tottenham lads reckon it's time for a change of fortune.

Both our previous Cup successes were by no means easy, and this one I reckon will be even harder.

We pulled off a great 2-1 at Tottenham a month ago, but again it was a really testing match and we were under a lot of pressure in the first half before we managed to hit back.

In the League Cup this season we actually lost 2-1 in London and only got through on aggregate.

So it's a difficult first hurdle . . . about as tricky as our quest for points this afternoon, but our hope is for the kind of entertaining football in keeping with a holiday occasion.

CLUB NEWS

Today we welcome our neighbours Bolton Wanderers for our first match of 1980. United supporters everywhere will, no doubt, be hoping that the second half of the season proves to be as exciting and successful as the first! At the same time, we wish our friends from Burnden Park better luck than they have experienced so far this season (although not today)!

This is also an opportune time to take supporter's minds back to our 'Open Day' last August. As those who were present will testify, this event was a great success, both in the entertainment provided and the money raised. We did promise at the time that the proceeds would go to the purchase of a Variety Club Sunshine Coach, and we are pleased to announce that this has now been done. The coach was presented recently to Longford Park School, Stretford, and today's centre spread picture shows pupils at the school with their coach. Manchester United supporters everywhere will join together in sending best wishes to the children concerned, we hope that they will be able to get out and about much easier (petrol prices permitting)!

It is also a fitting time to pay tribute to the work of Variety Club of Great Britain, and particularly to the Manchester branch, who, in the 18 years they have been in existence have raised more than £1,000,000 for needy and under-privileged children. It is also interesting to note that the first Sunshine Coach purchased 18 years ago cost £650. The present coaches can cost anything between £5,000 and £20,000.

CAPTION COMP

Our recent Caption Competition proved to be a great success and we thank all those supporters who took part. Finding the winner was a most difficult task and no doubt there will be many who will feel that their entry might have won, this only goes to show the extremely high standard! The winning post card was sent in by Mr. J. H. Marshall, 11 West St, Stalybridge, Cheshire, whose caption was "I didn't intend to knock him down Ref — I thought canaries could fly". His prize of an autographed copy of the new Manchester United Annual has been dispatched to him. The response to the competition was such that we will keep a look out for any photographs that lend themselves to this kind of competition.

Today's Referee

Mr. M. R. Baker
(Wolverhampton)

Commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton Amateur League, then through West Midland (Regional) to Football League. Has officiated in an England v. Scotland (Amateur) International, also a Hungary v. Austria match.

A married man with two sons, he is a Director of a tool-making concern, and his hobbies are Tennis, Swimming and Walking. Serves on a committee to raise money for the welfare of Senior Citizens.

UNITED

at Old Trafford



Joe Jordan watches his shot hit the back of the Forest net for United's first goal.

ACTION

v. Nottingham Forest

A black and white photograph capturing a moment of intense celebration on a football pitch. In the foreground, a player (Joe Jordan) is captured mid-air, his arms raised in triumph, having just scored a goal. Behind him, several other players are visible, some looking on with expressions of disappointment or concern. The background shows the goal net and a blurred crowd of spectators in the stands.

Anderson, Burns and Shilton show their anguish, as Joe Jordan, scorer of United's second goal, celebrates with Lou Macari who provided the pass.

A black and white photograph showing a header in progress. A large player (Gordon McQueen) is jumping high to head the ball. He is surrounded by several other players, some of whom are also jumping or running towards him. The ball is visible in the upper right corner of the frame. The background shows the stadium lights and a blurred crowd.

Three against one — but big Gordon McQueen still manages to beat Lloyd, Burns and Anderson to head United's third goal.

Club Diary

5th JAN

F.A. CUP — ROUND 3.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v UNITED.

An announcement regarding the availability of tickets will be made today. An announcement regarding a replay (should one be necessary) will be made in the Manchester Evening News on Friday and Saturday — the information will also be placed on our ansafone service at 5pm on Saturday (if required).

12th JAN

MIDDLESBROUGH v UNITED.

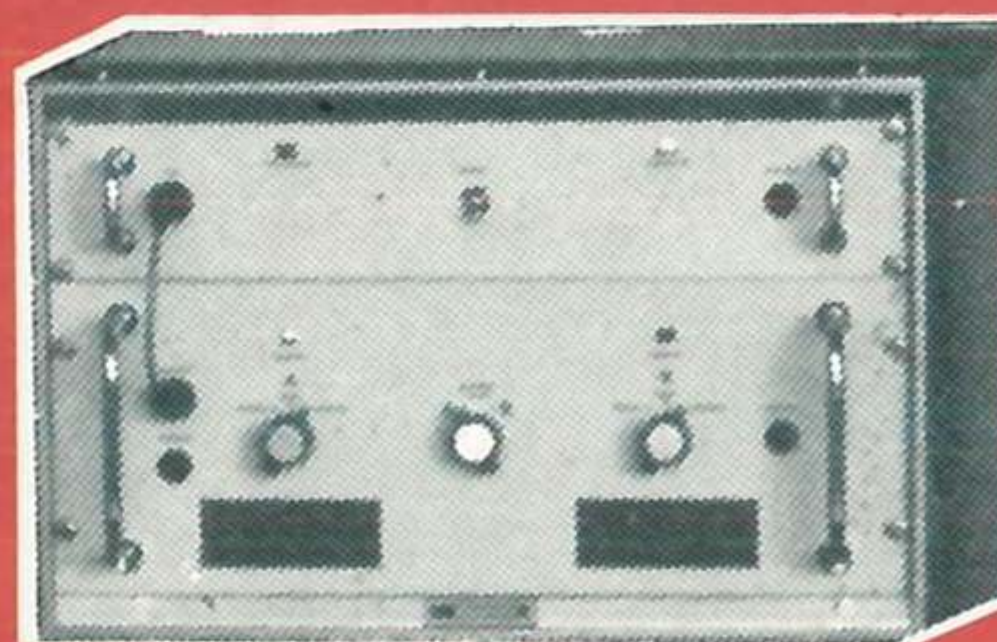
Standing tickets priced £1.10p are on OPEN SALE, weekdays 9.30am to 5pm or by post — whilst available.

19th JAN

UNITED v ASTON VILLA.

An announcement regarding the availability of reserved seats will be made today. Admission to unreserved seats in Stands E & K together with groundside and paddocks will be by payment at the turnstiles on entering the Stadium.

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JOE BROWN

Tips from the Top

All boys must dream sometimes of playing football professionally. Many are called, few are chosen, and for those who last the course, there is an exciting living.

Today, ability is not enough. Clubs great and small look and check a boy's personality, and balance it with his prowess. Sometimes it takes a lot of sifting, but make no mistake, if you have what is required you will be discovered.

Sometimes gems are not found until long after schooldays are over, but a good player will always attract attention. At United we do not sit waiting for telephone calls and letters from families informing us how good Jack and John are — although when they are received we attend to them — we have a vast scouting system.

I am the Chief Scout, then comes Regional Scouts for Scotland, Wales, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Ireland, the West, Midlands, North East and the South.

In a densely populated area more than one scout operates, and they watch boys at school, town and county level. There is no fixed rule to their observations; they might follow a boy to area and international level or go down the scale watching town and school teams, as well as junior soccer teams.

Like most clubs, our representatives send reports to the Chief Scout. At Old Trafford we then arrange for the boy to come down during holidays to be assessed. Those who meet the requirements are asked to sign schoolboy forms, and during this period they come under further scrutiny to see if they are good enough.

What we look for at Manchester United is Skill, Pace, Aggression, Development and general Welfare. If you have this blend, your chance of a splendid career lies ahead; if you have flaws you must eradicate them. Nobody else can do this but you. It is like making a beautiful piece of furniture with a special bit of timber. If it has knots in it, the blemish will show no matter how expert the cabinet maker.

I feel the same way about Old Trafford's staff. We have only the best here who can lead and guide, and it is up to boys to follow their example. You must be proud without being big-headed; bold and not a bully; accept your accomplishments without swanking, and keep your feet firmly on the ground.

Now let us go over the skill needed. When a scout pays a visit he will judge control, passing, dribbling, agility and body movement, knowledge of the game, when to pass and how to pass and, if a defender, how to defend and win the ball. These are all facets of the game dealt with in previous training articles.

...SCOUTING

Joe Brown talks to Joe Lancaster

Next comes pace, which is necessary in all positions. A scout will note how fast a youngster moves with a ball and without it. How sharp he is at beating a man, how nippy at winning the ball from the opposition and how quick at recovery.

Aggression is a marvellous way of telling character.

We want to know how tough in spirit a boy is, and that does not always mean physically. To be strong-minded is a built-in asset, and it has nothing to do with size and shape. Some boys can be big and soft. Is he clever but tender-hearted; does he want to work with a natural desire to win and want the ball? Can he accept bodily contact as part of the game, and take it without losing skill and speed? Through lack of aggression a player can lose out on these two factors.

Development covers many items. Does he have a desire to train, can he practice skills, absorb coaching as well as adopt a positive attitude to the players around him? Is the youngster aware of his position, the function of other players and team organisation? It is not enough knowing about the units of defence, mid-field and attack but a feeling that he can give, and is, a link in the chain no matter where he plays.

Lastly, but of great importance, is General Welfare. Coming to a football club, especially Manchester United, means a new way of life. Ninety-nine per cent of boys leaving school and going to work, return home at night. To those making a career from the sport, it is like going up to a 'University of Soccer'. There is a complete new way of life, living in digs, meeting boys from many walks of life and various parts of the country. Before coming to Old Trafford it must be known if a youngster can face these new environments. Will he suffer with home sickness; can he make new friends; find solutions to problems never encountered before, such as battling out of loss of form, or discovering he is not the only star performer in the side?

Does he have hobbies? Will he pursue night school or even day school, because further education is now essential at Manchester United?

We want the best, and we want to give the best of both worlds. There is no doubt that some will make it and others not achieve their potential, but if they continue their education, they will not fall behind. Indeed, with having a healthy body, a good life, and being taken care of in every degree, there is no reason not to come out top of the class.

Education is encouraged as much as sport, and the ones who can respond to both, are the ones wanted. The sport is not changing; it has changed. In our squad we have nine boys all under 18, working away; with five studying A levels at such diverse subjects as music, biology and maths; two more are taking business studies, and another couple are taking motor engineering.

Men with degrees are wanted in the game and after all, United do have international, Steve Coppell with a B.Sc., and ex-Red Alan Gowling read for his Ph.D. whilst at Old Trafford: while Manchester City skipper, Paul Power, is a Bachelor of Law and Liverpool's Steve Heighway, another of the many graduates gracing the game. Remember boys, to live and play a full life; those good enough will certainly be given a chance of a professional career. To those who feel they are missing out, correct your faults and plug on.

QUIZSPOT

WORD GAME

By forming a new word on each line by changing one letter at a time (as in the example shown), see if you can make SHOT into GOAL and JUMP into SAVE.

K	I	C	K
M	I	C	K
M	I	L	K
M	I	L	L
B	I	L	L
B	A	L	L

S	H	O	T
G	O	A	L

J	U	M	P
S	A	V	E

FIND THE PLAYER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Answer the riddles below to find the name of an ex-Manchester United player.

My first is in ASTON but not in STILES
My second's in COPPELL but not in GILES
My third is in CAREY and also in URE
My fourth is in GOWLING and again in LAW
My fifth in MACARI but not in MORGAN
My sixth in SARTORI and also in BRENNAN
My seventh is in YOUNG and also in DUNNE
My eighth is in BEST and again in HOUSTON
My ninth is in ROWLEY and in EDWARDS too
My tenth is in SETTERS and BERRY also
My eleventh is in CHARLTON and also my last
I once was a captain some Christmas's past.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Board of Directors, to extend a few words of Greeting as we enter the New Year. At the time of writing the team are in second place in the Championship table and we are delighted with the performance of Martin Buchan and the Players. We offer our warmest congratulations to our Manager, Mr. Sexton, Coach Tommy Cavanagh and the back room staff for all their hard work which has helped to make this possible.

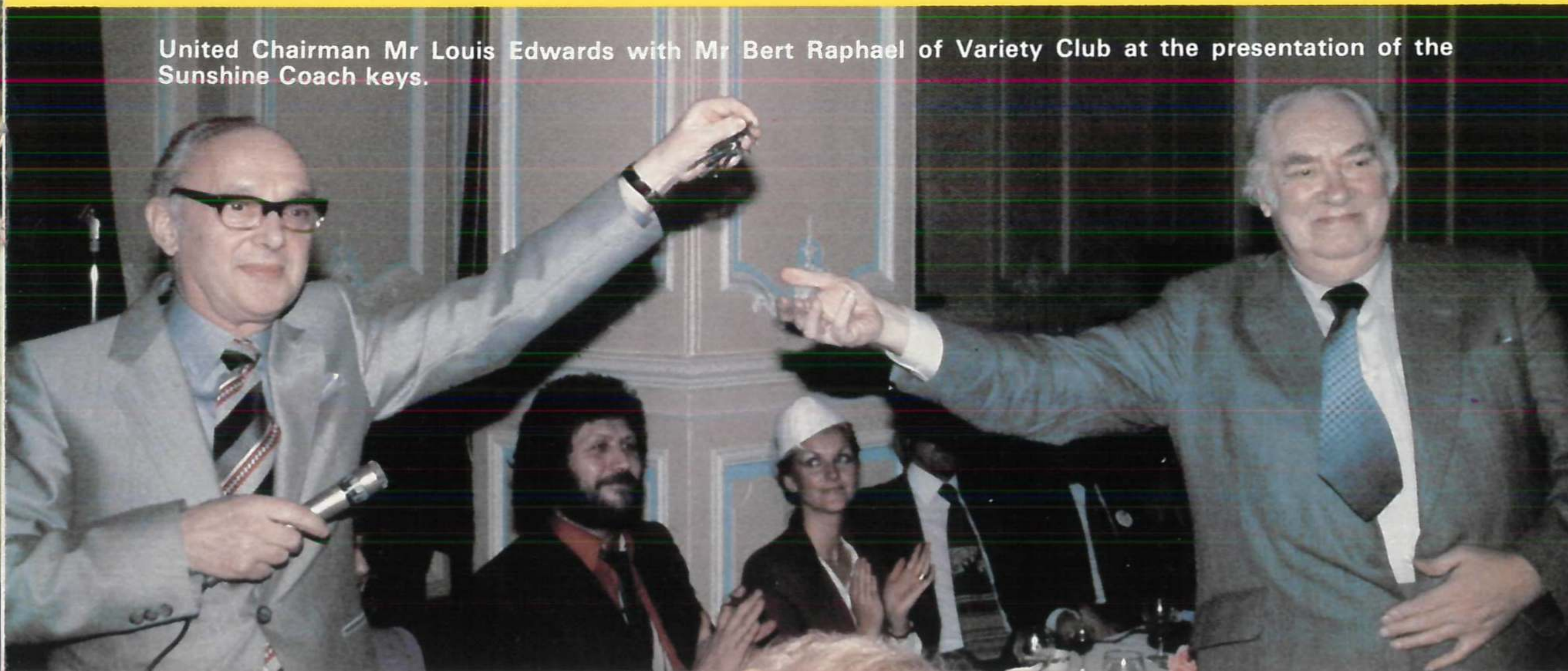
We know only too well that there is a long way to go to the end of the season, we wish everyone the best of luck for the remaining matches, hoping that their efforts will bring the success they deserve.

Our attendances show a big increase on those of last year and I wish to say how grateful we are to you, our supporters, for the encouragement you have given at all times. We hope that the patience you have shown over the years will be rewarded in a tangible way at the end of the season, as success on the field is the best way to repay your wonderful loyalty.

I would like to say how pleased we are at the continued improvement in the behaviour of our supporters at away matches. As announced in last Saturday's programme, it is our intention to lift the restriction on the sale of tickets for away league matches, starting with the Middlesbrough match. This is for a trial period initially but we hope to make this permanent if the good behaviour continues. We would ask all our fans to do everything they can to influence those travelling, to behave in a proper manner and to uphold the good name of the Club.

We look forward to the rest of the season with confidence and my fellow Directors join me in extending our very best wishes to Manchester United supporters everywhere, for Good Health, Peace and Prosperity in the New Year.

United Chairman Mr Louis Edwards with Mr Bert Raphael of Variety Club at the presentation of the Sunshine Coach keys.



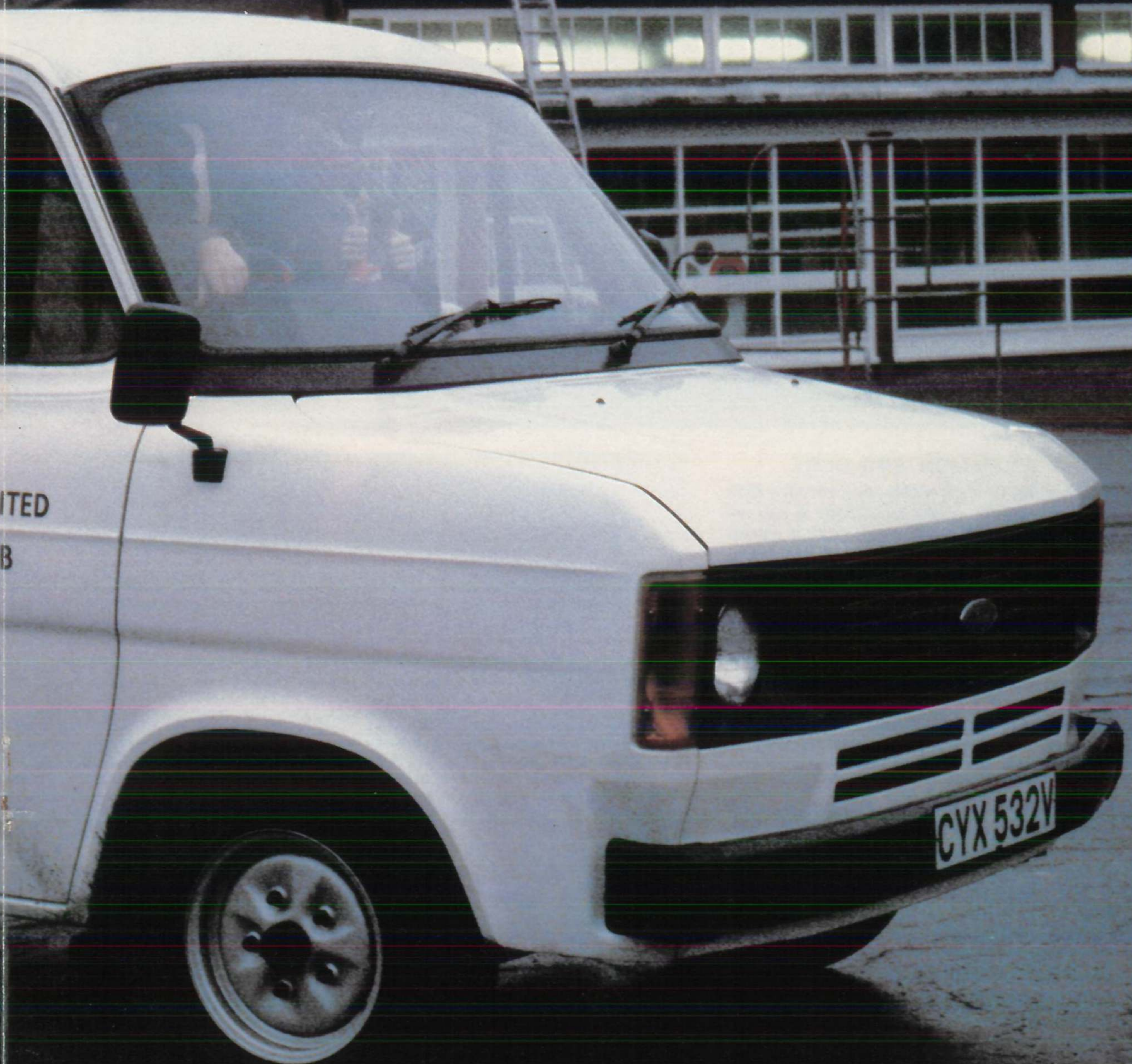
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Behind the scenes



PREVENTION AND CURE

Injuries are, unfortunately, an everyday side of football and, whilst treatment is always on hand after the event, great store is placed on avoiding needless injuries in the first place.

Although much of United's modern equipment is now situated at the Cliff training ground, where the players report for training most of the time, the medical room at Old Trafford, pictured above, is well-equipped to deal with any match day accidents and contains many modern aids to the treatment of injuries, not least the X-Ray equipment for instant diagnosis of those injuries which give cause for concern.

After Christmas, Club Physiotherapist, Laurie Brown, will be talking to Joe Lancaster at some length in our series 'Tips from the Top', about the prevention and cure of sports injuries.

The photograph on the right illustrates the attitude of the Club to preventing injuries before they occur. Two of the Club's junior players, having checked the condition of the players boots after a training session, in particular the studs, add a final polish in readiness for the next occasion they will be used.

Each player has at least 3 pairs of boots, suitably studded for all ground conditions.



DAVID MEEK REMEMBERS...



After a decade with almost the whole of Europe as my reporting beat with Manchester United the story started to change.

The team that won the European Cup in 1968 was a mature side as well as a great one. To win a trophy like the championship of Europe, it has to be.

The big problem after reaching such a pinnacle is how to stay at such dizzy heights with players beginning to feel the passing years.

Sir Matt's answer was to make way for a younger man to take over as manager of the team. It may have seemed a fairly straightforward move to him, but I don't think he realised the enormity of the task that faced his successor.

From the newspaper point of view the situation posed a great many problems. It's much easier reporting success than a situation fraught with difficulties.

The whole scene brightened considerably when Tommy Docherty arrived as manager. Even the season in the Second Division was a refresher and it hit me immediately how lucky we are in Manchester to have two teams pretty well permanent fixtures in the First Division.

For I found on my Second Division travels that there were only a few clubs I had not previously visited with United when they were First Division clubs.

When the team went down I must admit I wondered if that was really the end of the glory days and that the club would sink into relative obscurity and I for one would regret those unfulfilled Fleet Street ambitions.

But the Doc was just the man for those times. He gave the club a new team as well as incentive and he gave the Press a fund of stories.

Work was never dull during the Docherty regime and stories came as fast as you could write them. Finally came one story that was too big for even the Doc to survive and it didn't surprise me to see the club swing to a completely different character when they appointed Dave Sexton as manager.

Significantly around this time emerged more dynamic leadership at the very top of the club.

For the end of Sir Matt's era as manager also created something of a vacuum at board level, but it was really only opportunity that chairman Louis Edwards had lacked.

After joining the board soon after the Munich disaster he specialised in bringing his tremendous business acumen to bear on the board with the result that Manchester United are probably the most secure club financially in the country.

The development of not just Old Trafford with its great facilities but the creation of the various fund-raising activities stems mostly from the vision of the chairman.

Since retiring from his meat empire, the chairman is now at the club daily to keep his finger closer to the pulse and it can only be for the great benefit of Manchester United.

The growth of Manchester United off the field and the shift of influence within the club have also provided me with a lot of fascinating stories and have convinced me that the future is as good as ever for this club.

Chairman Edwards and manager Sexton are going to continue to offer the most exciting reporting job in the business. That's the fascination for me personally and why the last 21 years have flown as quickly as one of David Herd's old thunderbolts.

From past

ATHLETIC NEWS, MONDAY 18 JANUARY 1915

THE SILVER LINING

Manchester United 4 Bolton Wanderers 1

'TWAS a most curious match which twelve thousand people witnessed at Old Trafford. The afternoon was cold, dull, and showery, but the people forgot this in their keen interest in the changing fortunes of a contest full of vigour—too much so at times—and well provided with incident. Bolton Wanderers played the more perfect football, combining and shooting better than the Manchester United men up to the interval, but a determined effort by the home eleven in the second half gave them a fine victory.

There were times in the initial period when some of the players got at loggerheads, and the referee had a most unfortunate afternoon, for while he found the game difficult to control, he was in the second half so painfully injured by a sudden blow from the ball that he had to be first attended by a trainer, and then led from the field.

The latter part of the match was refereed by Mr. J. O. Forshaw, of Birkenhead, and I may as well say at once that he controlled the game with marked ability. The vacant position on the line was taken by Mr. H. J. Newbould, the secretary of the Players' Union. Mr. Peers had a painful time, but had quite recovered, I was informed, by the close of the match.

The United forwards opened with a good deal of dash, and in the early minutes gave the Bolton defence a warm time. I recall a dangerous early header from West which Sidlow repelled with a blow from his fist, and a sterling dribble and centre by Cookson, while four minutes from the start Sidlow was beaten. Meredith hopped over Wilson's leg in the old sweet way and screwed the ball low to the goalkeeper's feet. Before he could clear there was a forward flash of red and white, and lo! Potts, the ball, and Sidlow were all through the goal together, the Manchester forward falling into the net.

At once the Wanderers began to show their teeth. Gradually the visiting half-backs got a firm grip on the Manchester attack, and then for a quarter of an hour the Burnden vanguard gave a delightful exhibition. Smith fed Vizard neatly, and in the words of an old hand who sat next to the writer, the outside left "made the ball talk." His superb speed and beautiful control of the ball enabled him to leave Cookson and Hodge well behind, and while at full speed he turned and twisted with a skill that made him the personality of the match.

Beale's Brilliance

After their early goal the Manchester forwards did practically no shooting at all, and the Wanderers revealed themselves as a far more dangerous set. Smith, Hilton, Rowley, and Glendenning in turn sent in powerful shots, and but for a magnificent exhibition of custodianship by Beale, the home team would have been hopelessly in arrears at the interval. A sharp breeze blew behind the Bolton shots, but Beale was quick, safe, and clean in workmanship at every range.

He was only once beaten—at the end of half an hour—when a corner kick saw SMITH jump at the right moment and head the ball across the goal and just inside the post. Beale threw himself in a gallant effort to save, but was too late.

The second half had not been in progress many minutes when it became clear that the United were making an effort likely to succeed. They hardened and quickened all round while Woodcock began to feed either wing, and for the first time in the match to repeatedly beat Rowley. It was now the turn of the United half-backs to triumph, and the Bolton forwards found themselves again and again broken up in midfield, while Norton and Meredith were repeatedly leading attacks on Sidlow's goal.

Moreover, the United were greatly heartened by a goal which came to them in the first three minutes of the second half, WOODCOCK heading through after a corner kick by Norton. Once Sidlow and the ball were under a heap of players in front of the line, the whistle coming to the rescue of the goalkeeper. Meredith was on his way by a short cut to the goal, with Heslop beaten and Wilson far enough away, when the half-back swept his legs from under him. The deputy referee at once gave a penalty kick, and STACEY increased the lead of the home side.

At fifteen yards range Potts scored again with a splendid low drive, and so ended the scoring in a match which was always fast and vigorous, and which contained an unusual number of free kicks.

Beale I have spoken of. He was the best man on the field, and he won the match. Hodge was the better of the home backs, covering much more ground and kicking and tackling well, although twice hurt. Stacey and Knowles often found David Stokes much too clever when it came to close work.

O'Connell did the best work of the United half-back line. He was always on the move and gave a brainy and skilful exhibition. Twice he saved his goal when the backs were beaten. Cookson was energetic and plucky, and gave quite a good display against the best wing in the field. The inclusion of Norton and Woodcock in the forward line proved a decided success. The outside left played well all through, and the centre-forward, after a moderate first half, opened out the game most successfully from the interval onwards.

Meredith was clever, but I have never seen him finish so badly, and Potts proved the soundest man of the line, tackling strongly, passing with judgment, and shooting well. West seemed slow in his movements and did little or no shooting. He does not bear the least resemblance to the dashing, hard shooting, Enoch West of other days.

Sidlow got the ball well away from more than two desperate scrimmages. He was not so quick at low work as Beale, but he gave by no means a bad exhibition. Two of the four goals were scored by men who were on the top of him, as it were, a third was a penalty kick, and the fourth would have beaten any custodian.

Baverstock was a powerful defender, who worked very hard and did not flinch at all before the weight of West. Wilson also defended stoutly, although Meredith was often too clever for him. Glendenning played a powerful game in front of Baverstock. The sturdy Wanderer was always on the move, a keen tackler, and a man of judgment. Rowley too, was a powerful and successful half-back, who seemed to delight in being in the heat of the battle.

Heslop, a tall, well-built fellow, was not so good as his more experienced comrades, but for all that he did a lot of useful work. Vizard's speed and wizardry I have paid tribute to. I could have watched him all the day. Smith was a keen sharpshooter as well as a clever inside man, and Roberts, although the least prominent man in the line, did useful work in a quiet way. O'Connell was rather too good for him.

It was pleasant to see David Stokes not only looking as trim and dapper as ever, but still possessed of glorious speed and skill in manoeuvring the ball.

Manchester United — Beale; Hodge, Stacey; Knowles, O'Connell, Cookson, Meredith, Potts, Woodcock, West and Norton.

Bolton Wanderers — Sidlow; Baverstock, Wilson; Glendenning, Rowley, Heslop; Stokes, Hilton, Roberts, Smith and Vizard.

Referee: S. D. Peers, Liverpool.

By Jacques

to present

At Old Trafford Today . . . **BOLTON WANDERERS**

by Tony Pullein

Bolton's future as a First Division club is beginning to look decidedly doubtful following a most disappointing first-half to the season. The Wanderers managed to win only one of the opening 19 League games and a second round League Cup knockout by Third Division Southend United only deepened the Burnden Park gloom.

Of course, there is a long way to go yet and still plenty of time to pull clear of the danger zone. It's just that, up until now, Bolton have failed to produce any indication of a spark which could ignite their recovery programme.

With last season's top scorer, 26-goal Frank Worthington, losing his appetite for the game at Bolton — and eventually being transferred to Birmingham for £140,000 — the attack has been almost entirely devoid of punch.

Though Neil Whatmore has returned to his old striking role, after a none-too-successful experimental period in midfield, to team up again with Alan Gowling in attack, Bolton just haven't been creating the sort of chances these two can put away when given the opportunity.

With the midfield — normally Roy Greaves, Len Cantello, Neil McNab and Willie Morgan — tending to withdraw into a defensive shell, the forwards have been neglected.

Bolton's one strong point has been their defence. Though sometimes exposed to quite relentless pressure, concentration has generally been excellent and, apart from a couple of disasters at Derby (0-4) and Nottingham Forest (2-5), they have usually stood firm.

Jim McDonagh has once again been in top form in goal, normally playing behind a back four of David Clement, Paul Jones, Mike Walsh and David Burke. Peter Nicholson has turned out at odd times in both full-back positions and in midfield.

Bolton's only point from their opening ten away fixtures came, surprisingly enough, from Anfield! They drew there 0-0 on their first away trip and then lost the following nine.

A few days later they beat Southampton 2-1 at Burnden Park — but that turned out to be their only victory in 21 League and Cup games.

After their long struggle to return to the First Division in 1978, it would be a tragedy if Bolton should slip back down again now.

But it's going to take a very special effort if they are to avoid that fate.

MAYBE THE CUP WILL CHEER BOLTON?

Bolton have never hit the really high spots in League football. Most of their more comfortable achievements have occurred in the F.A. Cup.

The Wanderers, in fact, have never won the Championship, their best being third in the First Division. And the last time they finished that high was in 1925.

They have had their moments further down the scale, of course. In 1978 they won the Second Division championship for the second time and they gained promotion from that division on four other occasions as runners-up.

When Bolton hit their lowest point, with relegation to Division Three in 1971, they recovered to win that divisional championship two years later.

But it's in the F.A. Cup that Bolton have made their name. They took part in that amazing first final at Wembley in 1923, with almost 200,000 people spilling into the stadium. Thanks to that legendary policeman on his white horse, the game somehow got started and, with spectators crowding over the touchlines at times, Bolton beat West Ham 2-0.

Bolton returned to Wembley to win the trophy again in 1926 and 1929. It was in 1958 that they defeated us 2-0 final to win the Cup for the fourth, and last, time. Most United hearts were still grieving for the Munich victims at a time and our makeshift team, though it gave everything in effort, was no match for the Wanderers.

Even in Wembley defeat, Bolton have snatched some glory. Who will ever forget the 1953 final when Bolton led 3-1 with just over 20 minutes to play against Blackpool? One Stan Matthews turned on his magic to transform the game into a 4-3 Blackpool win.

Had substitutes been in being then, Bolton might never have lost. Eric Bell ripped a muscle as early as the 18th minute but was forced to play out the game in agony.

Bolton appeared in a total of seven F.A. Cup finals, the last in 1958.

With a new F.A. Cup tournament about to get under way for First Division clubs, maybe Bolton will be able to disperse the gloom by resurrecting some of their old Cup spirit? Even if things aren't going so well in the League, maybe it could still be a Cup of cheer for Bolton?

PERSONALITY CORNER THE LION OF VIENNA

The events of one May afternoon many years ago in Austria earned Nat Lofthouse the label that will remain with him for the rest of his life — the Lion of Vienna!

Nat was one of the last of the old-type, shortest-route-for-goal centre-forwards. He had a particularly splendid game for England against Austria in 1952 and, with thousands of British soldiers in the crowd cheering his every touch, Lofthouse scored two great goals in a 3-1 England victory.

Though that was but just one brief interlude in a long and glorious career, it's the one that football always associates with the former Bolton forward.

It was an apt title, of course, and ideally fitted his attitude to the game. That's why it stuck.

United fans remember Nat for another reason. He it was who charged our goalkeeper Harry Gregg over the line for Bolton's controversial and decisive second goal in the 1958 Wembley Cup final. Yet there was nothing vicious about it. The shoulder charge was still much part of the game at the time and his attitude that day was as it always was — he wanted to win by any fair means. And the referee ruled that what he did was within the laws.

Goals were his business. He played for England on 33 occasions — but managed to score 30 goals. For Bolton he scored 255 goals in 452 League games.

Nat Lofthouse joined Bolton in 1939 and lost the early years of his career to the war. Afterwards, he soon established himself in the England team and in 1953 he was chosen Footballer of the Year.

A severely damaged ankle, incurred on Bolton's South African tour of 1959, threatened his career. But Nat the lion-heart refused to give up. He struggled to regain fitness, and made several come-back attempts. But in 1961 he finally accepted defeat.

Bolton immediately appointed him assistant-manager and in 1968 he took over as manager. He had two separate spells as team-manager, in fact, before deciding to take a back seat.

Throughout his career Nat Lofthouse gave total loyalty to Bolton Wanderers. His direct, yet stylish, mode of play made him one of the world's great forwards of his age.

His performances for over 20 years earned him a special place in football's Hall of Fame. His deeds on one May afternoon in 1952 guaranteed that his name will live for as long as soccer is played.

For the Record

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, ATTENDANCES, RESULTS LINE-UPS AND GOALSCORERS 1979-1980 SEASON												Home fixtures in bold type * Attendance to be confirmed † Denotes 1 own goal				Goalscorers in bold type ● Denotes 1 penalty scored Substituted player in brackets			
DATE	OPPONENTS	ATT	CE	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1979																			
Aug 18	Southampton	21,768		1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen ¹	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas	Grimes		
Aug 22	West Bromwich Albion	53,393	2	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen ¹	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas	Ritchie (4)		
Aug 25	Arsenal	44,380	0	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas	Paterson (7)		
Aug 29	Tottenham League Cup 2 (1st Leg)	29,163	1	2	2	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Paterson	McQueen	Buchan	Ritchie	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas ¹	Grimes		
Sept. 1	Middlesbrough	51,015	2	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari ²	Thomas ¹	Ritchie (5)		
Sept. 5	Tottenham League Cup 2 (2nd Leg)	48,292	3†	1	3†	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	Houston	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas ¹	Ritchie		
Sept. 8	Aston Villa	36,183	3	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas●	Grimes ¹ (9)		
Sept. 15	Derby County	54,308	1†	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Ritchie	Macari	Grimes	Paterson		
Sept. 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	35,503	1	3	3	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari ¹	Thomas	Ritchie		
Sept. 26	Norwich City League Cup 3	18,312	1	4	4	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy ¹	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Ritchie (4)		
Sept. 29	Stoke City	52,596	4	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy ¹	McQueen ²	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins ¹	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Sloan (10)		
Oct. 6	Brighton & Hove Albion	52,641	2	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari ¹	Thomas	Sloan		
Oct. 10	West Bromwich Albion	27,713	0	2	2	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Sloan		
Oct. 13	Bristol City	28,305	1	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Sloan		
Oct. 20	Ipswich Town	50,826	1	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes ¹	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Houston		
Oct. 27	Everton	37,708	0	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Albiston	Mcllroy	McQueen	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Ritchie		
Nov. 3	Southampton	50,215	1	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Houston	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari ¹	Thomas	Sloan (3)		
Nov. 10	Manchester City	50,567	0	2	2	Bailey	Nicholl	Houston	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Ritchie		
Nov. 17	Crystal Palace	52,800	1	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Houston	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Grimes	Wilkins	Coppell	Macari	Thomas	Sloan		
Nov. 24	Norwich City	46,540	5	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Grimes	Mcllroy	Moran ¹	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan ¹	Macari	Thomas	Grimes (11)		
Dec. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	51,389	2	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Grimes	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan ²	Macari ¹	Thomas	Ritchie		
Dec. 8	Leeds United	57,471	1	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Grimes	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari ¹	Thomas	Houston		
Dec. 15	Coventry City	25,563*	2	1	1	Bailey	Nicholl	Houston	Mcllroy	Moran	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari	Thomas ¹	McQueen		
Dec. 22	Nottingham Forest	54,552*	3	0	0	Bailey	Nicholl	Houston	Mcllroy	McQueen ¹	Buchan	Coppell	Wilkins	Jordan	Macari ¹	Thomas	Ritchie		
Dec. 26	Liverpool																Ritchie		
Dec. 29	Arsenal																Ritchie		
1980																			
Jan. 1	Bolton Wanderers																		
Jan. 5	F.A. Cup 3																		
Jan. 12	Middlesbrough																		
Jan. 19	Aston Villa																		
Jan. 26	F.A. Cup 4																		
Feb. 2	Derby County																		
Feb. 9	Wolverhampton Wanderers																		
Feb. 16	Stoke City (FAC 5)																		
Feb. 23	Bristol City																		
Mar. 1	Ipswich Town																		
Mar. 8	Everton (FAC 6)																		
Mar. 15	Brighton & Hove Albion																		
Mar. 22	Manchester City																		
Mar. 29	Crystal Palace																		
Apr. 2	Nottingham Forest																		
Apr. 5	Liverpool																		
Apr. 7	Bolton Wanderers																		
Apr. 12	Tottenham Hotspur (SF)																		
Apr. 19	Norwich City																		
Apr. 26	Coventry City																		
May 3	Leeds United																		
May 10	F.A. Cup Final																		

STATISTICAL ROUND-UP 1979-1980

CENTRAL LEAGUE

December 21st v Sheffield Wednesday (A) 3-1 (Greenhoff J., Ritchie, Sloan)
Roche; Knox, Connell, Duxbury, Moran, McGrath, Sloan, Paterson, Ritchie, Greenhoff J., Grimes. Sub: Davies.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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Pears; Keen, Jeffrey, Haggett, Lowther, Wynn, Keough, McGarvey, Wray, McDermott, Reynolds. Subs: Roberts, Stevenson.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURE

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

(Up to and including Wednesday 26th December 1979)

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Liverpool	21	13	6	2	47	14	32
2	Manchester Utd.	22	12	6	4	33	16	30
3	Arsenal	22	8	10	4	27	16	26
4	Southampton	22	10	4	8	34	28	24
5	Norwich City	25	8	8	6	35	31	24
6	Middlesbrough	21	9	5	7	22	18	23
7	Aston Villa	21	7	9	5	24	21	23
8	Crystal Palace	21	7	9	5	24	22	23
9	Wolverhampton W.	21	9	5	7	26	28	23
10	Nott'm Forest	21	9	4	8	30	28	22
11	Leeds United	22	7	8	7	25	28	22
12	Coventry City	22	10	2	10	35	39	22
13	Manchester City	22	9	4	9	24	31	22
14	Ipswich Town	22	9	3	10	28	30	21
15	Tottenham Hotspur	22	8	5	9	28	35	21
16	West Bromwich A.	21	6	8	7	31	26	20
17	Everton	22	5	9	8	27	29	19
18	Stoke City	22	6	7	9	26	33	19
19	Brighton & H.A.	21	6	5	10	25	33	17
20	Bristol City	22	5	7	10	17	28	17
21	Derby County	22	6	3	13	21	33	15
22	Bolton Wanderers	22	1	9	12	16	38	11

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday 22nd December 1979)

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Coventry City	23	13	4	6	57	33	30
2	Manchester Utd.	24	11	8	5	43	28	30
3	Liverpool	22	13	3	6	51	24	29
4	Wolverhampton W.	22	12	4	6	48	24	28
5	Aston Villa	22	10	8	4	37	24	28
6	Everton	24	11	6	7	38	26	28
7	Nott'm Forest	23	10	7	6	43	26	27
8	Manchester City	24	10	6	8	36	30	26
9	West Bromwich A.	23	8	9	6	37	26	25
10	Burnley	22	11	3	8	25	30	25
11	Sheffield Wed.	21	10	4	7	37	32	24
12	Derby County	25	9	6	10	36	40	24
13	Stoke City	21	6	8	7	27	26	20
14	Leeds United	22	9	2	11	33	39	20
15	Preston N.E.	23	7	6	10	27	39	20
16	Blackpool	22	7	5	10	31	40	19
17	Bury	20	8	3	9	26	42	19
18	Newcastle United	24	6	6	12	21	35	18
19	Blackburn Rovers	24	7	4	13	31	51	18
20	Huddersfield Town	23	7	3	13	31	41	17
21	Bolton Wanderers	23	4	5	14	27	45	13
22	Sheffield United	23	5	2	16	28	69	12

CENTRAL LEAGUE

FIXTURES 1979-1980

DATE	OPPONENTS	F	A
Aug 18	Blackburn Rovers	5	2
22	West Bromwich Albion	2	2
25	Preston North End	1	1
Sept 1	Derby County	1	1
8	Burnley	5	0
15	Aston Villa	0	1
18	Bolton Wanderers	4	1
22	Wolverhampton W.	0	3
29	Huddersfield Town	0	4
Oct 3	Bolton Wanderers	2	1
6	Blackpool	2	1
10	West Bromwich Albion	1	1
13	Sheffield United	4	2
20	Stoke City	0	0
24	Leeds United	1	0
27	Everton	0	2
Nov 3	Blackburn Rovers	2	2
10	Manchester City	2	0
17	Bury	1	2
24	Nottingham Forest	0	0
Dec 1	Coventry City	5	1
8	Liverpool	0	0
15	Newcastle United	2	0
21	Sheffield Wednesday	0	0
29	Preston North End	2	3
Jan 12	Derby County	0	1
19	Burnley	2	1
Feb 2	Aston Villa	0	0
9	Wolverhampton W.	0	0
16	Huddersfield Town	0	0
23	Sheffield United	0	0
Mar 1	Stoke City	0	0
8	Everton	0	0
14	Blackpool	0	0
22	Manchester City	0	0
29	Bury	0	0
Apr 5	Leeds United	0	0
7	Sheffield Wednesday	0	0
15	Coventry City	0	0
19	Nottingham Forest	0	0
26	Newcastle United	0	0
May 3	Liverpool	0	0

Saturday home fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1 FIXTURES 1979-1980

DATE	OPPONENTS	F	A
Aug 18	Macclesfield Res.	0	2
25	Morecambe Res.	3	1
29	Bolton 'A'	2	4
Sept 1	Southport Res.	1	0
5	Crewe Alex 'A'	2	1
8	Morecambe Res.	4	2
10	Altrincham Res.	1	1
15	Everton 'A'	2	1
22	Wrexham Res.	2	1
29	Crewe Alex 'A'	0	0
Oct 6	Oldham Res.	2	0
13	Burnley 'A'	0	1
20	Carlisle Res.	0	3
27	Carlisle Res.	0	4
Nov 3	Port Vale Res.	5	0
10	Bradford City Res.	1	0
17	Wigan Athletic Res.	0	2
24	Chester 'A'	3	0
Dec 1	Rochdale Res.	2	2
15	Rochdale Res.	4	0
21	Manchester City 'A'	3	1
26	Stockport 'A'	0	0
29	Wrexham Res.	0	0
Jan 4	Tranmere Res.	0	0
12	Everton 'A'	0	0
19	Bolton 'A'	0	0
26	Tranmere Res.	0	0
Feb 2	Altrincham Res.	0	0
9	Macclesfield Res.	0	0
16	Wigan Athletic Res.	0	0
23	Southport Res.	0	0
Mar 1	Burnley 'A'	0	0
8	Liverpool 'A'	0	0
14	Oldham Res.	0	0
22	Stockport 'A'	0	0
29	Port Vale Res.	0	0
Apr 5	Manchester City 'A'	0	0
12	Bradford City Res.	0	0
May 3	Liverpool 'A'	0	0
T.B.A.	Chester 'A'	0	0

All Home games played at The Cliff training ground

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

DIVISION 2 FIXTURES 1979-1980

DATE	OPPONENTS	F	A
Aug 18	Preston 'A'	3	3
25	Wigan Athletic 'A'	2	1
Sept 8	Bury 'A' (SC)	2	0
15	Everton 'B'	2	4
29	Preston 'A'	1	3
Oct 6	Bury 'A' (SC)	1	2
13	Wigan Athletic 'A'	0	3
27	Formby Res.	1	1
Nov 3	Oldham 'A' (SC)	1	1
10	Oldham 'A' (SC)	0	2
17	Formby Res.	0	2
Dec 8	Tranmere 'B'	7	0
15	Tranmere 'B'	0	0
29	Bury 'A'	0	0
Jan 12	Everton 'B'	0	0
19	Burnley 'B'	0	0
26	Blackburn 'A'	0	0
Feb 2	Blackpool 'A'	0	0
9	Blackpool 'A'	0	0
16	Bury 'A'	0	0
Mar 1	Burnley 'B'	0	0
8	Liverpool 'B'	0	0
29	Blackburn 'A'	0	0
Apr 5	Oldham 'A'	0	0
19	Oldham 'A'	0	0
May 3	Liverpool 'B'	0	0

All Home games at The Cliff (SC) denotes Supplementary Competition.

FOR UP TO DATE
TICKET & MATCH
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FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

CENTRAL LEAGUE
DERBY COUNTY

Saturday
12th January 1980
Kick-off 2 p.m.

DIVISION ONE
ASTON VILLA

Saturday
19th January 1980
Kick-off 3 p.m.

FAN~FARE

AN END TO RESTRICTIONS?

There will be many supporters who welcomed the announcement in last Saturday's United Review that the restrictions on ticket sales for away league matches are to be ended; so enabling any fan the opportunity to apply for such match tickets.

That such decision has been made is due to the continuing good behaviour at away matches and which has now been in effect for the past two seasons in particular.

Much of the credit for this improvement has been given to the efforts played by all those involved in the supporters club movement, both here in Manchester and at branch level around the country, and whilst we take great pride in the part we have played we would like to pay our own tribute to the many individual supporters who, whilst not necessarily members of the supporters club, have played their own part in helping bring about a 'return to sanity' by their own concerted efforts, together with those of all club members who travel away on a regular basis.

Slowly, but surely, the improvement of Manchester United supporters has been recognised and whilst it might take some years yet to finally 'lay to rest' the stigma of once being branded 'the worst in football' there is no doubt what-so-ever that a foundation for success has been laid.

This decision by Manchester United Football Club; coming as it does with the team challenging for the championship gives cause for double celebration in that more supporters will now be able to follow the team on its travels and give the vocal encouragement which will, hopefully, spur them to the finest honour in our domestic football.

PLEASE REMEMBER

In welcoming this new freedom now afforded each and everyone of us, we would ask all supporters to remember the part played, however small, by the supporters club movement in its efforts to combat the menace of football hooliganism — particularly over the last 5 or 6 years.

The formation of branches around the country has taken a great deal of time and effort, both here in Manchester and even more so at branch level and we speak for all concerned when we extend an open invitation to all genuine supporters to enrol as members and reap the many benefits available — not least the opportunity to travel with friends as an organised group to Manchester United fixtures.

The strength of any supporters club is totally dependent upon its membership and by enrolling now you will be helping foster a relationship which can and will benefit each and every one in the future — as it has done in the past.

The irony of the present restrictions being lifted is that they can so easily be implemented again in the event of a return to the kind of behaviour which made it necessary for them to be effected some 3 years ago.

Having now reached the crossroads we must not, under any circumstances turn back.

For the benefit of those supporters now considering a resumption of away match attendance, we list below the areas in which supporters club branches are currently operating travel on a regular basis in the hope that you might at least consider applying for further information.

A letter of application, together with a s.a.e. to **The Supporters Club Office, Manchester United Football Ground, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RA** will result in full particulars being forwarded on to you.

Banbury, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bolton, Bradford (Yorks), Bradford-on-Avon, Bridgnorth, Bridgwater, Burton-on-Trent, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chorley, Coventry, Furness Vale, Folkestone, Gateshead, Gloucester, Hadfield, Halifax, Harworth (Doncaster), Hereford, Huddersfield, Kidderminster, Lancaster, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, London, Ludlow, Mansfield, Merseyside, Milford Haven, Milton Keynes, North Devon, Oxford, Peterborough, Pontefract, Pwllheli, Redditch, Rugby, Runcorn, Scarborough, Shrewsbury, Southampton, South Humberside, South Kirkby, Stoke-on-Trent, Swansea, Telford, Thames Valley, Torbay, Wakefield, Walsall, Wellingborough, Widnes, Worcester, Worksop.

On this, the first day of 1980, and with the present situation very much in mind we take great pride and pleasure in wishing all supporters of Manchester United . . .

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFICE HOURS 1979-1980

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10.00am — 5.00pm
(Closed 1.00pm — 1.30pm Lunch)

Monday
1.30pm — 5.00pm

Friday
10.00am — 1.00pm

The Office is also open before and after all First Team home games.

Dear Sir,

I am an Australian fan of the Reds and this season I am realising a long-term ambition by coming over to this country on a working holiday to watch our beloved team.

I have seen all the games so far and am obviously thrilled with the team's splendid start to the season. I only hope that the end of the season can find me returning home having witnessed us win at least one trophy.

The point I'd like to raise in this letter is that although Manchester United are a big club in every way I find it disappointing that there is no social club where the fans can meet before and after the game to discuss the day's events. Having been anxious to meet other United fans in a social evening, I found it surprising that such a big club doesn't have this facility available, especially as I have noticed on away trips that most other clubs do seem to provide these venues. What do other fans think?

I would like to take this opportunity to express many thanks to the efficient staff of the Ticket Office (can I have a Cup Final Ticket please!), the Supporters Club and the Travel Club who have been of great assistance to me with my trip so far and I would also like to wish the team the best of luck for the remainder of the Season.

Yours loyally,

IAN SOUTHORN,
c/o 12 Booth Ave,
Fallowfield,
Manchester.

Dear Editor,

The reason there was a below-average crowd of 46,540 at our recent home game with Norwich City was clearly visible to all who stood on the terraces that day.

It was the poor turn out of the L.M.T.B. and Season Ticket Holders.

But if United were to reach Wembley for the fourth time in five years where tickets would be a God send, they will be allowed the first choice of gaining tickets.

Take last season for instance, the average crowd was around the 47,000 mark and at nearly all our home games empty seats could be seen all around the ground.

But when United reached Wembley, Season Ticket holders were allowed first choice of tickets which was very unfair. This is because many loyal supporters still turned out on the terraces and many of them were unable to gain tickets, while many of the part-time Season Ticket holders easily gained theirs.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW WHITESIDE,
4 Eastgate Street,
Ashton-u-Lyne,
Tameside.

P.S. All you part time Season Ticket holders missed a great game against Norwich City.

Dear Editor,

I completely agree with David Sheldon about the decline of the letter page. I myself had thought the letter page has ceased to exist.

The point I would like to make is the offside against a forward line close to the halfway line when a goalkeeper kicks the ball from his hand, or from a 'dead' position. I would think the main cause of the problem for the forward is look at both the ball and the defensive line.

This tactic is boring and it seems to have been adopted by many teams I have seen this season, i.e. Wolves, Arsenal, Manchester City. I believe without trying to tell Mr. Sexton his job this could be easily remedied. Firstly: the forward line should take no notice of the kick but move forward from the oppositions half of the field to an on-side position, anticipating to defensive line forward.

And secondly the midfield players run from their own half as the ball is kicked onto the ball hopefully unchallenged. I should think Gary Bailey could kick over the encroaching defensive line.

Your hopefully,

ALAN MORRISON,
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116 Talgarth Road,
Collyhurst,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

As a United follower for over 20 years, and with a collection of United Reviews that number over 700, I would like to congratulate you on a much improved production for 1979/80.

The photographic content, especially the introduction of colour at last goes some way forward making the Review a programme worthy of the greatest Club in the world.

However, I would like to offer my suggestions on how to improve what, to many people like myself who cannot get up to Old Trafford regularly, is a very important link with the Club.

I would suggest that a good programme must have a good balance between good pictorial content and Club information.

This Season's programme has so far been very good pictorially, but I would suggest a little lacking in Club comment. In the 50's Alf Clarke and Tom Jackson had a page each on United affairs; in the 60's David Meeks 'Jottings' and Peter Slingsby's 'Club Comments' kept us all informed, along with Sir Matts Column and Arthur Walmsley's 'Talking Sport'. Four pages of good reading. Now only David is left and Dave Sexton has replaced Matt.

I would ask for at least another page on United. Why not let a player air his views each Saturday in an exclusive interview. Also, why not extend Club News from a narrow column to a full page; why not include profiles of the young up and coming reserves or new signings? At the other end of the scale, many fans would appreciate a continuation of Giants of the past — let's face it, with all the great players that have worn the United shirt over the years, the series could last forever. Why not tie it in with a 'where are they now' feature?

Where could you fit all this in. Well, my view, taking up three whole pages on Club Diary, Supporters Club Desk and Quiz Corner is unnecessary. Such information could easily be condensed. Also, additional pages should not be taken with advertising — already this Season it has increased from 3 to 4 pages.

In conclusion I would just like to say the Review is much better this Season (especially good are the 'From the Past to Present' feature and the Statistics round up) but why no more Reserve Team reports?

Here's to Manchester United top of the league, and the United Review top of the programme league.

Yours faithfully,

MR. G. THEOBALD,
36 Castlewood Drive,
Eltham,
London SE9

Obviously as an out-of-town supporter, you will miss a lot of information about United which is printed locally, we will look at your suggestions however and see what can be done. With regard to your point about advertising, you will find less space devoted to this than in other programmes, it should also be remembered that at 20p there is no cheaper programme in the football league.

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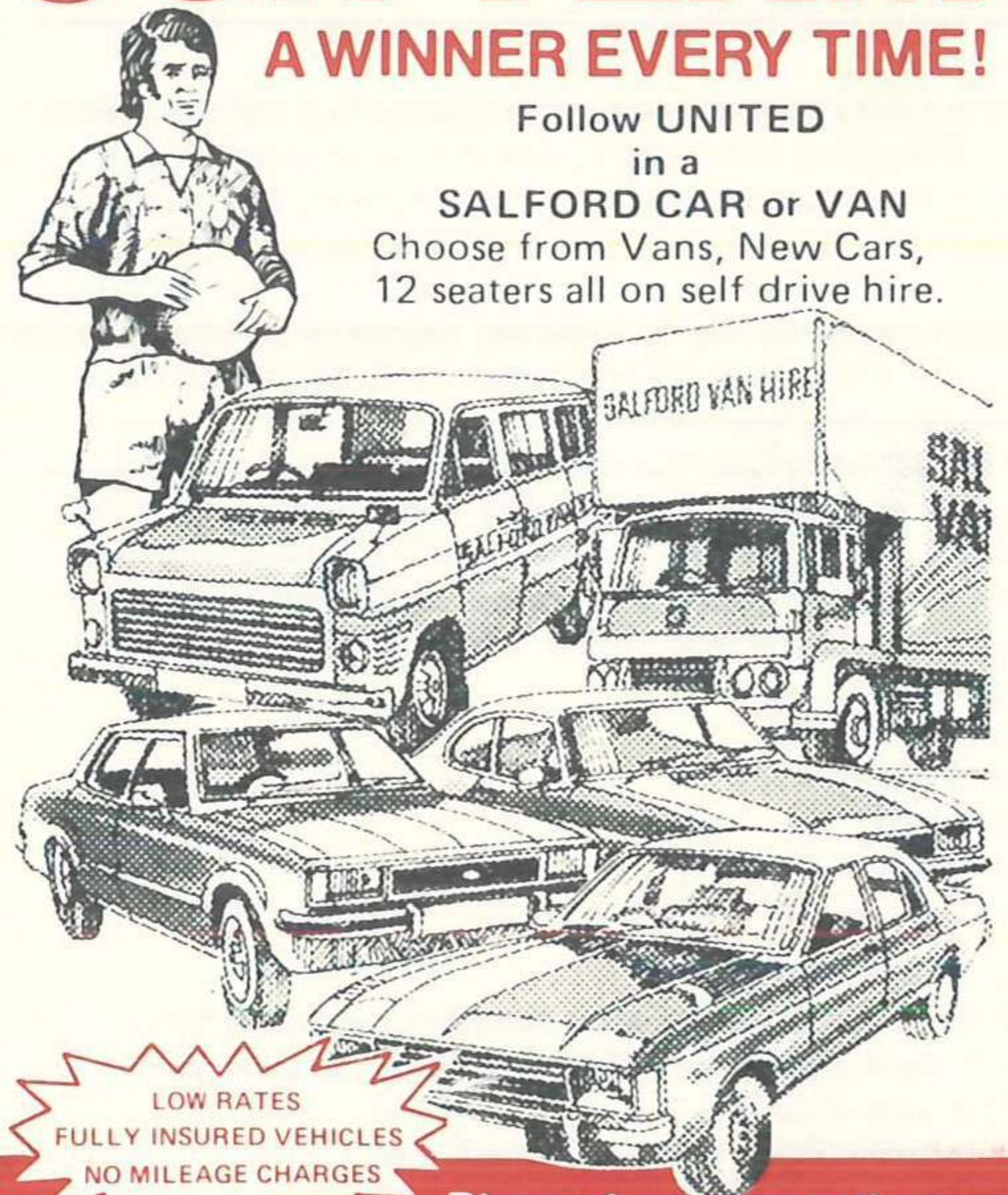
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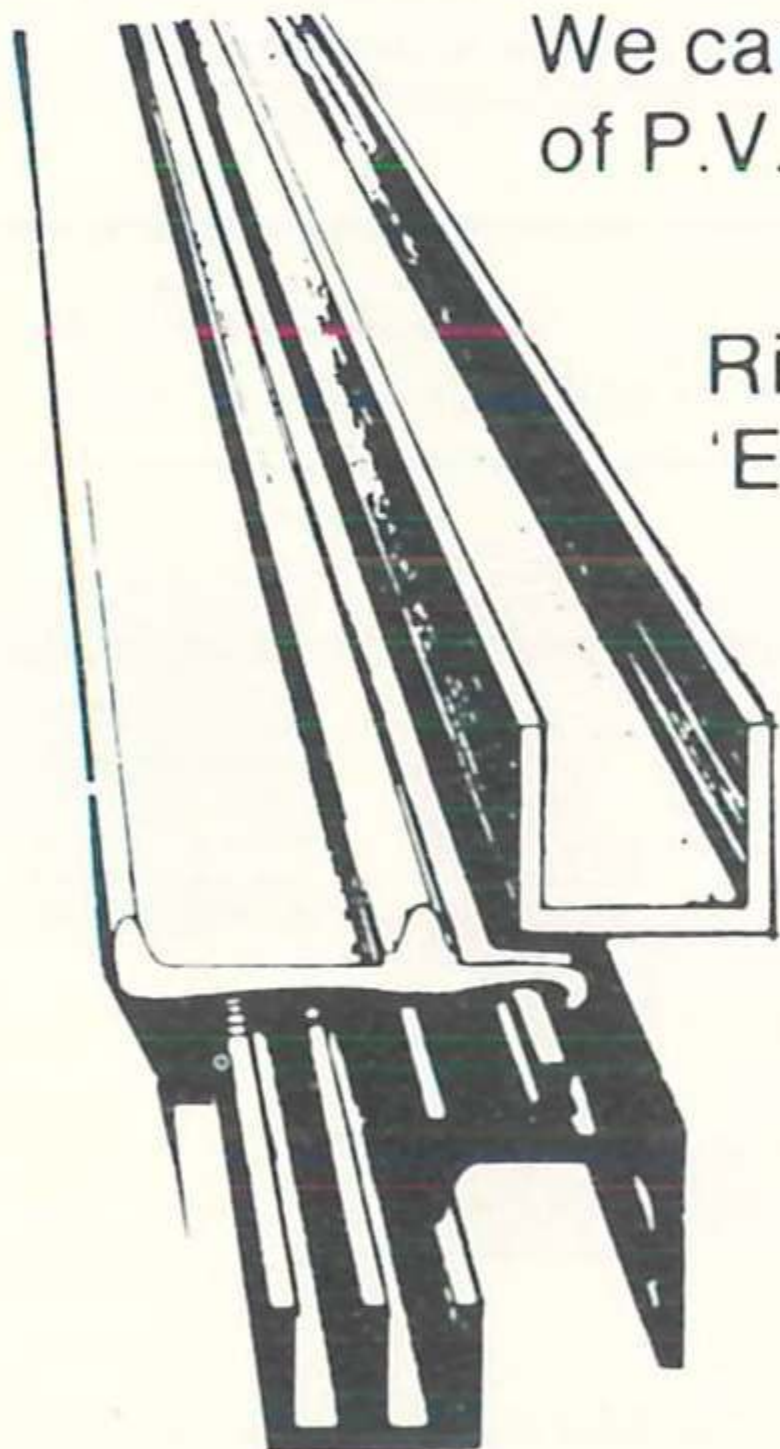
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Jimmy Greenhoff receives his Player of the Year award from Sir Matt Busby on behalf of the Chester and North Wales branch of the Supporters Club.



TODAYS TEAMS

MANCHESTER UNITED

Red Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 GARY BAILEY
- 2 JIMMY NICHOLL
- 3 STEWART HOUSTON
- 4 SAMMY McILROY
- 5 GORDON McQUEEN
- 6 MARTIN BUCHAN (Capt.)
- 7 STEVE COPPELL
- 8 RAY WILKINS
- 9 JOE JORDAN
- 10 LOU MACARI
- 11 MIKE THOMAS
- 12

BOLTON

White Shirts, Black Shorts

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 DAVE CLEMENT
- 3 DAVE BURKE
- 4 ROY GREAVES
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 WILLIE MORGAN
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 ALAN GOWLING
- 10 LEN CANTELLO
- 11 CHRIS THOMPSON
- 12

Referee: Mr. M.R. Baker (Wolverhampton).

Linesmen: Mr. G.M. McManus (Connah's Quay) Red Flag Mr. R.J. Millward (Stafford) Yellow Flag.

Scoreboard

A	Aston Villa Manchester City	
B	Coventry City Middlesbrough	
C	Crystal Palace Norwich City	
D	Everton Nottingham Forest	
E	Ipswich Town West Bromwich A.	
F	Leeds United Derby County	
G	Stoke City Liverpool	
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UNITED JOTTINGS

By DAVID MEEK

Bolton will no doubt be looking tonight for the kind of boost they got from the Reds last season.

For the Wanderers notched a double over the Reds with a 3-0 victory at Burnden Park and a 2-1 success at Old Trafford, despite the inspiration of a rare Martin Buchan goal!

Only two other clubs — Liverpool and West Bromwich — managed a league double against United last season and I am sure the boys from Bolton will be keen to try and exploit a slight degree of nervousness that could be rippling through the Red ranks this evening.

But perhaps Bolton have picked the wrong time, for United will be striding out with a renewed sense of purpose in their pursuit of Liverpool for the League championship.

Liverpool remain entrenched as favourites for the First Division title and have a two-point lead plus a game in hand to justify the bookmakers' short odds.

But since their shock home defeat against Wolves — their first of the season at Old Trafford in the League of course — the Reds have won back their confidence.

They brought home a point from Stoke after a second-half revival and then they exploded into a scoring spree against Bristol City that makes it clear that United intend to chase the League leaders right to the end.

As manager Dave Sexton crisply summed

up after the 4-0 win against Bristol: "We have proved we are stayers and are in with a genuine shout.

"We have completed two-thirds of our programme and shown that there is a streak of toughness in the team that makes it impossible to write us off. We have a lot of games to go and the patterns can change."

So although Bolton will be looking for a result to ease their desperate position at the bottom of the table, United will be just as eager to cash in on their return to scoring form and make ground advantage pay off with points.

Saturday's win narrowed the gap at the top as Liverpool dropped a home point to Ipswich. The Reds cannot afford to be too cocky about that, though, because on Saturday they have to play Ipswich themselves, and at Portman Road.

Ipswich have come from bottom to third place with the help of a scorching run of 15 games unbeaten, a club record, and clearly they pose a tremendous top of the table challenge.

A win for Ipswich would really throw the chase wide open, whereas success for the Reds would open up an encouraging gap.

But first of course comes the challenge of Bolton for a Lancashire derby that is sure to be hard fought as both clubs strive for their respective targets.

It was with very deep sorrow that we learned of the sudden death of our Chairman Mr. Louis Edwards, late on Monday evening. On behalf of everyone connected with Manchester United Football Club, Directors, Management, Players, Staff and Supporters, we wish to extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Muriel Edwards and her family on their sad loss.

A full tribute to the work he has done for the Club will be published in our next programme.

TONIGHTS TEAMS

MANCHESTER UNITED

Red Shirts, White Shorts

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- 3 STEWART HOUSTON
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- 5 GORDON McQUEEN
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- 7 STEVE COPPELL
- 8 RAY WILKINS
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- 11 ASHLEY GRIMES
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

White Shirts, Black Shorts,

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 DAVE CLEMENT
- 3 DAVE BURKE
- 4 PETER NICHOLSON
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 PHIL WILSON
- 8 TAD NOWAK
- 9 CHRIS THOMPSON
- 10 NEIL WHATMORE
- 11 PETER REID
(Capt.)
- 12

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INFORMATION

Re-arranged fixtures:

United v Everton 12th March, 7.30pm.
(Subject to no FA Cup replay.)

United v Aston Villa 23rd April 7.30pm.

Tickets already issued will be valid for the new dates.

United v Manchester City 22nd March.
Admission is by ticket only — full details will be announced over the public address system tonight.

Standing tickets for the away matches v Ipswich (£1.40) and Brighton (£1.50) are on open sale weekdays from 9.30am to 5pm.

FA YOUTH CUP — QUARTER FINAL:
MANCHESTER UNITED v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH.
KICK—OFF 7-30pm. Adults 50p. Juniors 30p. A token will be issued.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 (Up to and including Saturday 23rd February 1980)

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Liverpool	27	16	8	3	58	20	40
2	Manchester Utd.	28	15	8	5	45	20	38
3	Ipswich Town	30	15	5	10	46	32	35
4	Arsenal	28	12	10	6	35	21	34
5	Southampton	30	13	7	10	48	37	33
6	Nott'm Forest	29	13	6	11	44	35	32
7	Aston Villa	26	11	9	6	34	27	31
8	Wolves	27	12	6	9	34	30	30
9	Leeds United	29	9	12	8	34	36	30
10	Crystal Palace	30	9	12	9	31	34	30
11	Middlesbrough	27	11	7	9	31	27	29
12	Coventry	28	13	3	12	41	48	29
13	Norwich	27	9	10	8	41	42	28
14	Tottenham Hotspur	28	10	7	11	34	40	27
15	Stoke City	28	9	8	11	32	27	26
16	West Bromwich A.	29	8	10	11	40	41	26
17	Brighton & H.A.	29	8	9	12	36	45	25
18	Manchester City	29	9	7	13	29	48	25
19	Everton	29	6	12	11	32	39	24
20	Bristol City	30	6	9	15	22	45	21
21	Derby County	30	7	5	18	28	48	19
22	Bolton Wanderers	26	1	10	15	18	46	12

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

CENTRAL LEAGUE

STOKE CITY
Saturday 1st March
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FA YOUTH CUP

(Quarter Final)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Wednesday 5th March
kick-off 7.30pm.